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## Statehood: The New Phase.

The joint Statehood bill is scheduled to pass the House this afternoon, and will do so. The crisis in its House career was passed yesterday, on the vote for the previous question on adopting the rule for consideration of the bill. The sole question now is whether it is to pass the Senate. It is conceded that if there is to be Statehood, it will be on the two-State basis indicated by this bill, or not at all.

It is hardly necessary to say that The Times has been among those opposed to this plan. It has not believed that, in order to do manifest justice to Oklahoma, it was necessary to hitch on the dubious proposition of Arizona and New Mexico.

But the situation has changed with the assurance that the joint bill is to pass the House. It goes to the Senate with the indorsement of the lower body, and it is a substantial certainty that if the Senate declines to accept it in its present form there will be no Statehood this Congress, and probably none for several years.

There's the rub. The House might have defeated the rule, divided the question, and considered the different parts of the proposition on their merits. It did not do so, and the time has passed for any effective effort at such consideration. It is pass or defeat the bill, and it is up to the Senate.

In this situation, the bill ought to pass. The next Congress is altogether likely to bring a very close House, perhaps Democratic. If the latter, no Statehood bill would be agreed on between House and Senate. Then the matter would go over until after a Presidential election; and in the present tone of political opinion it is not a far cry to the assumption that after the next Presidential election no one party is likely to have the absolute control of all branches of the Government that the Republicans now enjoy. And there is good reason to believe that if the Republicans, completely controlling all departments, fail for ten years to reach any solution of this problem, a divided Government would do no better.

So there is in sight the serious possibility of a long delay, during which Oklahoma and Indian Territory will be kept out of their rights. In that condition it seems best to pass the pending measure in the Senate. It is carefully drawn and thoroughly considered with reference to the problem of the southwestern Territories. It is far better than it would be if it admitted both of them together; and that is the solution that a Democratic Administration would probably apply.

The situation, then, is that if the Hamilton bill does not pass now one of two worse situations may arise. There may be no Statehood for a decade, which would be extremely unfair; or there may be separate Statehood for the two doubtful Territories, which would be dangerous. The best way out seems to be to pass the bill as it stands.

## Six Make the Rates.

Years ago, in commenting on the evils of a vast centralization of railroad properties "uncontrolled by any public authority," the Hon. Carroll D. Wright prophesied the time when the country would see the railroad systems controlled by five men instead of ten, by three instead of five, and so on.

It is doubtful if one man out of a thousand realized how closely we are approaching to that prophecy until Senator Clay spoke of the "six great combinations" a day or so ago. We have been blinded by the very bigness of our systems. Actual reports taken from railroad statistics show that there are over 2,000 "separate lines," with a combined capitalization of \$13,213,000,000, one-seventh of the nation's wealth. It is difficult to estimate the number of people whose destinies are inseparably connected with those of the railroads, but including employees, shippers, and farmers, it is safe to say that the fortunes of one-half of our population are in the keeping of the railroads. When we tell ourselves that there are 2,000 companies, the situation does not seem alarming. But when we realize that not 2,000 companies, but six men control the mileage of these lines most of us will agree that it is time we have some national safeguard.

The Railway World in 1902 saw no cause for alarm in the fact that "A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Vanderbilt, E. H. Harriman, and James J. Hill are regarded as practically controlling all the great railroads of the country." Today the Pennsylvania system includes 280 companies, the Vanderbilt 132, the Morgan-Hill, 240. These

with the Gould-Rockefeller, the Harriman and Moore holdings, dominate 95 per cent of our railroad mileage. Thus nominally 2,000 separate corporations, our railroads in reality are a mighty trust dominated by six corporate interests with power to fix rates, foster pet interests into success, and relegate undesirable enterprises to oblivion.

What better proof than this need there be of the truth of what President Roosevelt said in his message—"The fortunes amassed through corporate organizations are now so large and vast such power in those that wield them, as to make it a matter of necessity to give to the sovereign—that is, to the State, which represents the people as a whole—some effective power of supervision over their corporate uses."

## Party and Conscience.

Americans who saw signs of an uplift toward independence in the recent elections, State and municipal, will find yesterday's debate in the House of extreme and sinister interest. The most conspicuous figures on the majority side of the chamber—for one reason or another—were Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Tawney, and Mr. Dalzell. Here are some of the things they said:

Mr. Finley—Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the gentleman from Ohio if he is the fifty-seventh Congress he did not vote to admit the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico as States separately? Mr. Grosvenor—I think I did. [Applause on the Democratic side.] I think I did, but at that time my party had not made this decree. Now it has, and I am a Republican, and I do not propose to shift the leadership of this House to the hands of Democrats on the other side. [Applause on the Republican side.] And since that time the Republican party has distinctly acted in favor of this measure, and since that time I placed myself on record—and the gentleman heard me a few days ago—I am not consistent with my record of that time and if there is anything I am proud of, it is that I am never consistent two years at a time and changing events such as we have. [Applause and laughter.]

Mr. Tawney—Mr. Speaker, no member of this House believes more sincerely than I do that Arizona and New Mexico ought not to be admitted into the Union either jointly or severally. Neither do I believe that the Government has the right to give assurance of its ability to maintain a permanent population of sufficient size to enable it to be a State forever.

But, Mr. Speaker, our Government is a government by party and party responsibility, not a government by individuals or individual responsibility. In this particular responsibility the representatives of the party now in control of the Government have declared in favor of the bill, and it is for me to be enforced by this rule, and although I differ individually with that policy and with the members of those who have favored it, nevertheless, as a member of the party in control of the Government, I bow to the judgment of the majority of every member of the party and will therefore support this resolution.

Mr. Dalzell—There are east of the line of Kansas 80,000 people. There are west of the line of Kansas 5,000,000 people. I stand here today for the 80,000,000 as against the 5,000,000.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am not the keeper of any man's conscience, but it does seem to me that in a Government such as ours, where the Government is purely a government by party, it is the duty of every member of the party to stand by its party.

Philadelphia is still seeing that snake in the hall. But the Senator oughtn't to worry. They have been talking of quoter things up there lately.

It turned out that some of the alleged "hot-headed" insurgents in the House had cool feet.

Secretary Shaw, in advising the department clerks not to ask for retirement on pensions, reminds people of the way he talks about prosperous times.

Shades of Henry James! Could that estimable gentleman only have heard Speaker Cannon say yesterday to the obstreperous members of the House, "The galleries are observing decorum and now it's up to you." Put it in the dictionary since it has received this official sanction.

That White House caller who said the President is confident we could whip the Japs most likely will not be able to quote Mr. Roosevelt soon again.

That girl that went shopping and got a husband has given shopping an impetus that will be felt all winter.

WASN'T CERTAIN OF HER NAME.

She was from Seattle. After inscribing her name on the hotel register she asked the clerk if she had made a name addressed to her. The name she wrote on the register was, simply, "Mrs. T. Brown, Seattle."

"I don't suppose, by any chance, that this is intended for you, is it?" inquired the clerk, handing her a letter addressed to "Mrs. T. Brown, Seattle."

"Yes, that is mine," said the demure guest. "I recognize the handwriting."

"But the name is spelled differently," protested the cautious clerk. "You spell your name 'B-r-o-w-n,' and the name on the letter has a final 'e.'"

"You see," she explained, "I am not quite sure how he spells it."

"My husband, we've only been married a month," said the San Francisco Chronicle.

COMBINATION STILL GOES ON.

A few years ago William C. Whitney was making his millions by combining the street railway lines of New York City and was looked upon as the coming "king" in rapid transit in New York. Lamont was his right-hand man and Thomas F. Ryan was an unknown associate. Now Lamont is dead, Whitney is dead, Ryan is out of the business and the control of all the New York City lines is in a new combination bigger than any that Whitney ever planned.—Hartford Times.

## A LADY.

She turned to me—the blue sea of her eyes, Drowned speech, ere it could struggle into birth. The ravened bronze that made her hair seem worth Ten times its weight in gold, shone like At sunset o'er those azure depths. Who tries To pain such loveliness falls at the death Of words—but she was framed, for woe or mirth, A puzzle, a perfection and a prize! She turned to me—answered the mute appeal My eyes held, and by some hidden law, Divine, my wishes, Like a silver bell Her voice echoed through the mercantile Establishment she worked in—"Have Our new line of gents' fancy vests? They're swell!"

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

## SENATORS' WIVES RECEIVING TODAY

## President Dines Supreme Court Tonight.

## MUSICALES BY MRS. BELMONT

## Dinners and Teas Will Help Make This Exceedingly Active Day for Washington Society.

Today is another unusually active day for Washington society. In the afternoon the wives of several Senators will receive, and in the evening will be a large number of dinners with the President among the hosts.

Besides the President's state dinner to the Supreme Court, there will be a large and fashionable musicale at the home of Mrs. Perry Belmont on Scott Circle, Caruso, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, assisted by Miss Abbott, will sing. The number of guests invited is limited to the seating capacity of the ball room.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Anderson will open their house to a dinner party. Representative William B. McKinley will entertain the Illinois delegation in Congress, with the Speaker as the guest of honor, at a dinner. Miss Mattis, who is a niece of Representative McKinley, and who presides over his household in the absence of Mrs. McKinley in Europe, brought from the West with her, upon her return yesterday, Miss Dallenbach, of Champaign, Ill., who will remain as her guest for the season. Miss Mattis and Miss Dallenbach will be at home February 6, at 1221 Connecticut avenue.

Senator and Mrs. Elkins will give a dinner party for the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, February 2.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, who spent the first days after her arrival here from Chicago as the guest of Mrs. Don Cameron, on Lafayette Square, is now the guest of Mrs. Slater, in Eighteenth street, who has invited a number of society people to meet Mrs. Palmer at a reception this afternoon.

Mrs. Stanley Matthews entertained a dinner company last evening, including Secretary Wilson, Justice and Mrs. Brewer, Justice and Mrs. Brown, Senator and Mrs. Spooner, Mr. and Mrs. James Pinchot, Mrs. Hobson, Captain and Mrs. Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Cropper, General Woodhull, and Miss Mitchell.

A reception was given at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York in honor of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, by the California Club of that city. Mrs. Ernest Diehm, president of the club, received with Mrs. Reid, who wore a gown of black chiffon, cloth, and a small black bonnet. Strings of pearls formed a contrast to the sombre tone of the toilet. There was music, after which tea and refreshments were served in one of the smaller rooms. All of the guests present were Californians. Mrs. Reid, who was formerly Elizabeth Mills, daughter of D. O. Mills, was born in California.

Senator and Mrs. Hopkins have issued invitations for a dinner at the New Willard, February 5.

Representative and Mrs. Lincoln Dixon, of Indiana, have arrived in the city and have taken an apartment at the Cairo for the season.

Consul General to London and Mrs. Robert Wynne gave a box party at the National last evening, when their guests were Representative and Mrs. James R. Mann, Mrs. Judge Anderson, and Miss Perie Anderson. Following the play, a supper was given at the New Willard.

Secretary of State Root has issued invitations to a luncheon to be given at the New Willard, Saturday at 1:30 in honor of the commission from China, now stopping at the Arlington.

Mrs. Oscar Crosby gave a dance of thirty couples last night at the Sheridan in honor of her daughter, Miss Miriam Crosby. Debutante of the season. The guests included the younger set in social circles.

Mrs. Charles Henry Butler and Miss Butler will give the last of a series of "at homes" today. Mrs. Butler will be assisted in receiving by Miss Jeanne Butler, and Miss Butler will have with her Miss Dorothy Ritter, of Philadelphia, who is her house guest.

Mrs. Amy R. Talbot, of New York, has taken an apartment at Stoneleigh Court for the winter.

The following Washington people are in New York today: O. M. Elkins, Jr., G. Cline, T. W. Davis, S. P. Elkins, A. P. Rayner, F. F. Sargent, J. M. Anderson, E. B. Bailey, J. C. Colt, W. P. Gresham, I. T. Gaff, N. H. Henry, H. Jennings, O. Lambert, Dr. T. S. Lee, Miss M. D. Lee, J. L. Looze, J. M. Macnamara, L. S. McKee, G. S. McKee, G. Schaff, J. A. Seavy, S. N. Baker, O. H. Dowell, L. R. Fayling, H. C. Karr, Mrs. Kooztz, Mr. Korner, S. H. Loomis, and P. Mauro.

Mrs. William T. Harris, Mrs. Ellen S. Harris, and Miss Mitchell Carroll will receive with Mrs. Arthur Ramsay at Fairmont Seminary tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Mrs. William C. Borden invited a company to luncheon yesterday at the home of Gen. Charles F. Roe, of New York. Others of the party were Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Sternburg, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Hoff, and Mrs. Burr.

Mrs. William Warner, wife of Senator Warner of Missouri, and her daughter, Mrs. Harwood, will receive on Thursdays at the Cairo, during the month of February.

Miss Katherine Elkins left the city today for New York, where she will be the guest for a few days of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Davis, who recently visited here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barret Ridgely have returned to Washington from their Southern wedding journey. Mrs. Ridgely will be at home tomorrow at the Portland. Miss Ridgely will also receive.

Miss Mary Duell, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Charles H. Duell, a debutant of this season, entertained a party of friends at luncheon today to meet her house guest, Miss Stone, of Syracuse, N. Y., who will be here for two weeks.

Miss Florence Henson, of Collinsville, Ill., the house guest of Representative Redenberg and Mrs. Redenberg, of Illinois, was the guest of honor at a box party last night at the National Theater. The host was Representative Charles McAdams, of Illinois. The young people were chaperoned by Representative and Mrs. Redenberg. Included in the party

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Stalwarts Scheme to Oust Him From State Control by Sending Him to White House.

Just at a time when political Washington is devoting its spare moments to long-range consideration of Presidential possibilities for 1908, there has swooped down in the Capital, from Wisconsin, a stalwart boom for Senator La Follette. The serious suggestion comes from a leading member of the stalwart management in the Badger State.

This gentleman not only suggests it, but fully expects it to come to pass. Wisconsin looks upon it as probable; and in defense of the suggestion, declares that La Follette is too active and energetic a man to be satisfied with the quiet life of a Senatorial seat when the occupant is new to that body and is not expected to be much in evidence as a factor in legislation.

The idea of La Follette as a Presidential factor is by no means novel; but the suggestion that he should be sent to the White House to support his ambition is new. The explanation is that it would be one way for them to get rid of the militant Senator as an immediate factor in State affairs.

It is the stalwart claim that La Follette is the real typical State boss, that nowhere in the Union is there one man who so entirely dominates his party and State. So, it is suggested, the stalwarts, whose largest concern is to get themselves back into the State saddle, might be found promptly falling in line, under the banner of State pride, and supporting La Follette for President.

By so doing they would place him under a measure of obligation which presumably he would be able to repay, after he was President, by taking his finger off the trigger of State affairs. And, after such support, he should lose, he could reasonably be expected to make some considerable modification of the strenuousness of his domination of State affairs.

## LIQUOR QUESTION STIRS

## LCNE STAR POLITICIANS

Prohibition and Race Issues Will Be Forced to the Front by Texas Democrats.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 25.—Texas politicians are stirred up over the report that plans have been matured to precipitate the prohibition question into the State Democratic campaign, with a view to promoting the nomination of the candidate for governor who will declare himself in favor of a constitutional amendment providing for State prohibition of the liquor traffic.

A prohibition plank in the State Democratic platform is to be worked for among the delegates to be chosen at the July primaries, and the election of a prohibition majority in the two houses of the legislature is to be contested for at the primaries and at the November election.

The prohibition question is to be linked with the race question, the intention being to present the latter in an entirely new way to the public, largely in the streets and in the parks, against white womanhood and with a view to evolving a practical remedy.

Miss Nellie Bohrend, who has spent the past five weeks in New York visiting relatives, returned to her home today, at 144 Rhode Island avenue.

Mrs. A. Kahn, of the Marlon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Grossman,